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72/130. International Day of Living Together in Peace

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the Charter of the United Nations, including the purposes and principles contained therein, and especially the dedication to saving succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Recognizing the importance of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,[1] which serve as the universal mandate for the international community, particularly the United Nations system, for the promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence that benefits humanity, in particular future generations,

Recalling its previous resolutions on a culture of peace, in particular resolution 52/15 of 20 November 1997 proclaiming 2000 the International Year for the Culture of Peace, resolution 53/25 of 10 November 1998 proclaiming the period 2001–2010 the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, and resolution 71/252 of 23 December 2016, adopted under its agenda item entitled "Culture of peace",

Recalling also its resolution 70/109 of 10 December 2015, entitled "A world against violence and violent extremism", and resolution 71/249 of 22 December 2016, entitled "Promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace",

Reaffirming its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, in particular paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

[1] Resolutions 53/243 A and B.

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Reaffirming also the United Nations Millennium Declaration[2] and General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development",

Recalling that one of the purposes of the United Nations as set forth in the Charter is to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Acknowledging that living together in peace is accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize, respect and appreciate others, as well as living in a peaceful and united way,

Recognizing the importance of respect and understanding for religious and cultural diversity throughout the world, of choosing dialogue and negotiation over confrontation and of working together,

Acknowledging the active engagement of the United Nations system with faith-based and cultural organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations in the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue and in bringing together people of different cultures, religions, faiths or beliefs to discuss common issues and objectives,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the work of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations on intercultural dialogue, as well as their activities related to the culture of peace and non-violence,

Acknowledging the important role of civil society, including academia and volunteer groups, in fostering interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and encouraging support for practical measures that mobilize civil society, including building capacities, opportunities and frameworks for cooperation,

Encouraging the continued and increasing efforts and activities on the part of civil society organizations throughout the world in advancing a culture of peace, as envisaged in the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace,

1. *Declares* 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace;

2. *Underlines* that the International Day of Living Together in Peace constitutes a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity, and to express its attachment to the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony;

3. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Living Together in Peace in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;

4. *Invites* all Member States to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals;

[2] Resolution 55/2.

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals;

6. *Invites* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to facilitate the observance of the International Day of Living Together in Peace, in collaboration with other relevant organizations, mindful of the provisions of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67;

7. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution should be met from voluntary contributions.

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